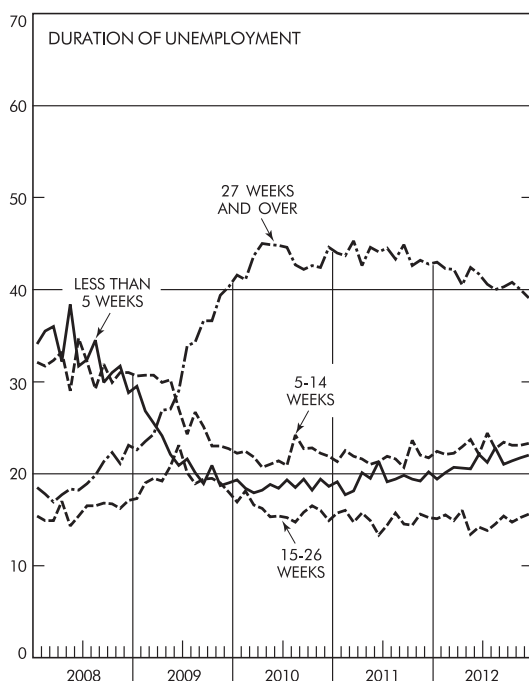


# Selected Measures of Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Programs

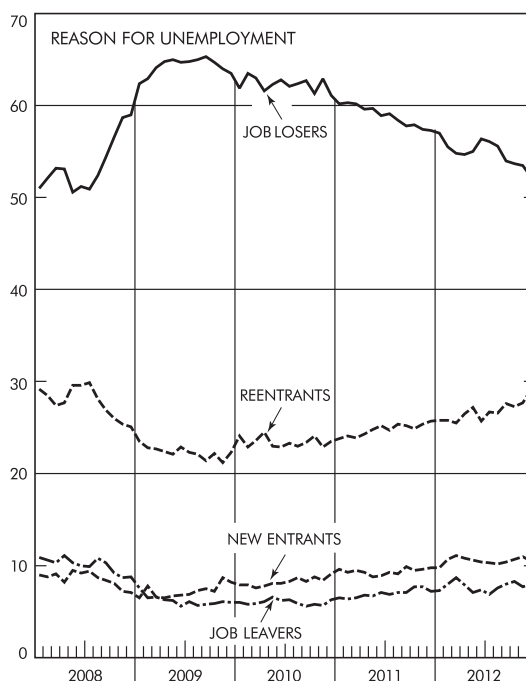
In December, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, 5 to 14 weeks, and 15 to 26 weeks rose, while the percentage for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 38.1 weeks and the median duration fell to 18.0 weeks.

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION\*



\*SEASONALLY ADJUSTED  
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted by NSA]

Period	Unemployment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemploy- ment, all programs (NSA) <sup>2</sup>
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job losers	Job leavers	Reen- trants	New entrants	Insured unemploy- ment (NSA)	Initial claims (NSA)	
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) <sup>1</sup>	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
2003 .....	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	4,400
2004 .....	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	3,103
2005 .....	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,709
2006 .....	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,521
2007 .....	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,572	324	2,612
2008 .....	8,924	32.8	31.4	16.0	19.7	17.9	9.4	53.7	10.0	27.7	8.6	3,306	424	3,898
2009 .....	14,265	22.2	26.8	19.5	31.5	24.4	15.1	64.2	6.2	22.3	7.3	5,724	568	9,122
2010 .....	14,825	18.7	22.0	16.0	43.3	33.0	21.4	62.4	6.0	23.4	8.2	4,487	454	9,723
2011 .....	13,747	19.5	21.8	15.0	43.8	39.3	21.4	59.0	7.0	24.7	9.3	3,681	406	7,626
2012 .....	12,506	21.1	22.9	14.9	41.1	39.4	19.3	55.0	7.7	26.7	10.5	.....	.....	.....
2011: Dec <sup>r</sup> .....	13,049	20.2	21.7	15.2	42.8	40.7	20.8	57.3	7.2	25.7	9.8	3,688	517	7,330
2012: Jan <sup>r</sup> .....	12,748	19.4	22.4	15.1	43.0	40.2	20.8	57.0	7.3	25.8	9.8	4,781	548	9,048
Feb <sup>r</sup> .....	12,806	20.1	22.1	15.5	42.3	39.9	20.1	55.5	8.0	25.8	10.7	4,045	375	7,567
Mar <sup>r</sup> .....	12,686	20.7	22.2	14.9	42.2	39.5	19.7	54.8	8.7	25.5	11.1	3,783	354	7,174
Apr <sup>r</sup> .....	12,518	20.6	22.9	16.0	40.5	39.1	19.3	54.7	7.9	26.5	10.8	3,832	387	7,454
May <sup>r</sup> .....	12,695	20.5	23.7	13.4	42.4	39.6	20.1	55.0	7.1	27.2	10.6	3,282	374	6,403
June <sup>r</sup> .....	12,701	22.1	22.1	14.2	41.7	39.7	19.4	56.4	7.4	25.7	10.4	3,097	388	5,844
July <sup>r</sup> .....	12,745	21.2	24.4	13.8	40.6	38.8	16.8	56.1	6.9	26.7	10.3	3,814	422	6,835
Aug <sup>r</sup> .....	12,483	22.8	22.7	14.5	40.0	39.3	18.2	55.6	7.6	26.6	10.2	3,252	356	5,681
Sept <sup>r</sup> .....	12,082	21.0	23.4	15.4	40.3	39.6	18.7	54.0	8.0	27.6	10.4	3,014	311	5,377
Oct <sup>r</sup> .....	12,248	21.4	23.1	14.7	40.8	39.9	19.6	53.7	8.3	27.3	10.7	3,084	382	5,503
Nov <sup>r</sup> .....	12,042	21.7	23.1	15.2	40.0	39.7	18.9	53.5	7.7	27.7	11.0	.....	.....	.....
Dec .....	12,206	22.0	23.3	15.6	39.1	38.1	18.0	52.2	8.0	29.2	10.5	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 2011, includes unemployment durations of up to 5 years; prior data are for up to 2 years.

<sup>2</sup> Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands), Federal (UCFE), ex-service members (UCX), and Federal and State extended benefit programs. Also includes Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (2002-2004), Emergency Unemployment Compensation (2008-2012), and Federal Additional Compensation (2009-2010).

Note: Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

See Note, p. 11.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).